

House Bill 3414

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SUMMARY

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Declares racism as public health crisis in this state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to racism.

3 Whereas racism is pervasive and is integrated into every institution and system that is con-
4 nected to the social determinants of health, and ultimately impacts each Oregonian's ability to be
5 healthy and well to the fullest potential; and

6 Whereas incidents of racism consistently experienced by Black and indigenous communities,
7 people of color and tribes create racial disparities in social, health, economic, legal and academic
8 outcomes; and

9 Whereas white supremacy was institutionalized through the development of policies and systems
10 that ensure power, privilege and resources remain in the hands of white men; and

11 Whereas racism in Oregon has left a legacy of trauma from one generation to the next, im-
12 pacting Oregon tribes, Black and indigenous communities and people of color through a cumulative
13 effect; and

14 Whereas Oregon has deep roots of racism, including the Donation Land Act of 1850 that made
15 it legal to steal land from Native American tribes, the 1887 murder of Chinese miners, Black
16 exclusionary laws with lashing as punishment, Japanese internment camps during World War II,
17 segregation in education and real estate red-lining that drove down values and reduced home own-
18 ership in the Black community; and

19 Whereas racial justice requires the formation and purposeful reinforcement of policies, prac-
20 tices, ideologies and behaviors that create equitable power, access, opportunity, treatment and out-
21 comes for all people regardless of race and redistribute resources to invest where inequities are
22 greatest; and

23 Whereas racism in Oregon and nationwide has created a situation that is untenable and where
24 immediate action must be taken to mitigate further harm and violence against Black and indigenous
25 Oregonians, people of color and tribes; now, therefore,

26 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

27 **SECTION 1.** **The Legislative Assembly declares that racism is a public health crisis in**
28 **this state.**

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